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Remarks

Following this amendment, claims 3-8, 11, 12, 15-20, 22, 24-26, 41-43 are active in the application.

The applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants have rewritten claims 17 and 18 in independent form. Claims 19 and 20 depend on Claim 18 and have been left in dependent form.

The applicants have amended Claims 3-8, 15, 16, 22, 24-26 and 28 to make them depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 17. The applicants have added new Claims 31-35 that depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 17. Claims 31-35 claim additional subject matter the applicants believe they are entitled to claim. The applicants respectfully submit that Claims 31-35 are allowable because they depend on allowable Claim 17.

The applicants have also amended Claims 11 and 12 to make them depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 18. The applicants respectfully submit that Claims 11 and 12 as now amended are allowable because they depend on allowable Claim 18. The applicants have added new Claims 36-43 that depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 18. Claims 36-43 claim additional subject matter the applicants believe they are entitled to claim. The applicants respectfully submit that Claims 36-43 are allowable because they depend on allowable Claim 18.

The applicants have amended paragraphs [0009]-[0011] of the specification to conform the Summary to the allowable subject matter. The applicants have also provided a replacement Abstract based on the allowable subject matter.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. The applicants believe that the application as now amended is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request such favorable action. If any matters remain outstanding in the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the applicants' attorney at (650) 485-3015 so that these matters may be resolved.

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